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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO HUNGARIAN MINISTER OF FROEIGN TRADE

JOZSEF BIRO TO VISIT THE U.S.

REF: STATE 186027

1. I EXTENDED SECY DENT'S INVITATION TO VISIT U.S. TO BIRO AUG 27. BIRO ENTHUSIASTICALLY ACCEPTED. HOWEVER, HE MID THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO COME ON PROPOSED SEPT 26-27 DATE AS HE WILL BE PREOCCUPIED WITH DRAFTING OF NEW FOREIGN TRADE LEGISLATION (NO DETAILS) UNTIL FALL SESSION OF PARLIAMENT WHICH EXPECTED TO CONVENE OCT 3-4. HE WILL ALSO HAVE TO BE HERE TO PRESENT THE BILL. BIRO SAID THAT BEFORE HE COULD GIVE FORMAL RESPONSE AND PROVIDE US WITH CONCERTED DATES IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR HIM TO CLEAR TIMING WITH PRIME MINISTER FOCK. HE EXPECTED THAT HE WOULD HAVE AN ANSWER FOR US IN ABOUT A WEEK. INFORMALLY BIRO SUGGESTED THE PERIOD BETWEEN OCT 20-30. ALSO THOUGHT NOV 10-20 OR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER WOULD BE GOOJOTIME FOR HIM. ANY OF THESE WOULD ALSO GIVE HIM TIME FOR SERIOUS PREPARATIONS. BIRO ALSO MENTIONED PROBLEM OF MFN WHICH HE HAD RAISED WITH SECY DENT IN THIS CONNECTION BEFORE. I SAID PROSPECTS NOW SEEMED TO BE GREATLY IMPROVED FOR ACTION THIS YEAR, THOUGH OBIVOUSLY NOT FOR DECISION AS EARLY AS PROPOSED TRIP. HE SEEMED TO BE WELL
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AWARE OF THIS AND DID NOT POSE MFN AS A CONDITION OF TRIP.

2. BIRO ASKED FOR MEMORANDUM CONTAINING DETAILS
REFTEL FOR HIS INTERNAL USE IN GETTING DECISION, AND
I AM SENDING LETTER CONTAINING INVITATION AND DETAILS THIS AFTER-
NOON.

3. BIRO REFERRED TO POSSIBILITY HE MAY NOT BE FOREIGN TRADE
MINISTER FOREVER, NOTING HE HAD HELD JOB FOR 12 YEARS,
BUT DID SO IN CONTEXT WHICH IMPLIED HE REALLY WANTS TO STAY ON.
HE WAS MORE POSITIVE ON THIS ASPECT THAN LAST YEAR WHEN
HE WAS TALKING OF RETIRING FOR HEALTH REASONS.

4. BIRO ASKED ME TO EXTEND HIS WARM REGARDS TO SECY DENT.
I SAID I WOULD DO SO.

5. IF DEPT COULD LET US KNOW WHETHER ANY OF TIME FRAMES
SUGGESTED BY BIRO ARE UNACCAPTABLE WE COULD CONVEY THIS
TO HIM PROMPTLY. OTHERWISE WE THINK HE LIKELY TO PRESENT
CHOICE OF VARIOUS TIMES, ALL THIS FALL, AS PARTY CONGRESS
WILL PREVENT ABSENCE NEXT YEAR.
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